

COMMENTS

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The Best of Jake

One of the best things about Airman magazine was the cartoons by Jake Schuffert featuring the events at Boondock AFB. I was wondering if there are any plans to do once again a "Best of Jake" in the magazine? Thanks, Sam.

Sam Garland

Editor's Note: Not at this point. Mr. Schuffert, a retired Air Force master sergeant who produced terrific single-panel cartoons in Airman for many years, died in 1998.



facilities that supported the Titan II complex. On behalf of all the former MFTs and BMATs who served alongside the commanders and deputies, it would have been good to expand on the make-up of a Titan II crew.

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I have always enjoyed reading Airman first as a CAP Cadet, then an Air Force Officer, and now as an AFJROTC instructor, but I was impressed and pleasantly surprised to see the articles on missiles and in particular the Titan II. As a crew commander in the 374th Missile Squadron, 308th Wing, at Little Rock AFB, we often felt alone on a huge C-130 base and even in the Strategic Air Command little recognized, as most associated guys on missile duty as being on a Minuteman crew with a master's program and support hut up top.

I pulled 317 alerts under Arkansas and there were no luxuries or special incentives in Titan II. The missile was just down the long cableway with liquid fuels that kept your day interesting. Your interview with Yvonne Morris was spot-on in that we were under an incredible amount of stress as the Titan and all of the support equipment demanded our constant attention, as well as we guessed the Soviets had two SS-20s targeted against us on a ground burst. If that wasn't enough, we were constantly scrutinized and tested, and forgiveness was not "SAC policy."

The article and acknowledgement of the Titan crews was long overdue and I have called all my old crew buddies about it. I hope one day to take my children to visit the site in Tucson and show them what the "old man" did, but the thought of paying \$1,000 a night to spend the night in crew quarters makes this old crew dog howl!

Paul A. Willard II

SPECIAL OPS THANKS



I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for the editor's note on the CV-22 article ["Air Commandos," July-August 2010]. That was a very tasteful note and I think all of us here at the 8th Special Operations Squadron appreciate you keeping these guys from being forgotten.

TSgt Chris Dawson
8th SOS Flight Engineer

BALANCING LIFE



My husband works for a contractor at Vandenberg Air Force Base and picked up a copy of Airman. We were very excited to see an article about the task of balancing a life of service and personal life ["Balancing Life," July-August 2010] featuring our former neighbor, 2nd Lt. Andrea Patrick.

Those of us in the neighborhood who had the privilege of meeting her have often wondered how she was doing with her new assignment. She and her dog were great neighbors and she is an amazing person. I would not want anyone else in a position to keep me safe. We in Orcutt wish her well on her journey through the Air Force and send her our continuing thanks.

Rey-Ann Higley
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TITAN II FAN



I just read the article about "Remember the Titan II" ["Remember the Titan II," July-August 2010] and it is good to see that Titan combat crew members have not been forgotten. However, as one of the few enlisted crew members, the article did not get the enlisted perspective. I served as a missile facility technician and the other enlisted member was a ballistic missile analyst technician. MFTs were responsible for all of the

HOLIDAYS IN THE HOLE



["Feeding the Mission," July-August 2010] I just wanted to thank you for the article, and thank Staff Sgt. John Shirley for taking such good care of his MAF "family."

I have always appreciated, and enjoyed a good home cooked meal, but perhaps I did not always appreciate how good food affects our health, until recently.

Staff Sgt. Shirley's answers made me realize that there is more to the issue than good nutrition — morale plays a big part.

Also, I enjoyed the segment about the holiday meals. My father served in the Air Force for many years, and it brought back memories of the Thanksgiving following my mother's death of cancer. Even as a kid, I remember how the staff, and my father's friends went

out of their way to make us feel cared for. It certainly helped to fill the void.

May God bless you all, and all of yours.

Josie Grus Dwyer

I recently read the articles concerning life in the missile field that highlighted FMs, chefs and the capsule crew. Why were Security Forces not highlighted? We are the majority of individuals deployed to the missile field. We all work together to complete the mission so why would you exclude a part of the team? If there has recently been an article about Security Forces in the missile field that I might have missed, then please disregard.

Thank you,

SrA Jacqueline Mayfield

FORGOTTEN H-MODEL



While reading the article on the AC-130 Gunships ["Maintaining Camaraderie," July-August 2010], I found some glaring errors on your part. First it gave way too much credit to the AC-130U. You forget the AC-130H (which is still in service) has been around since Vietnam and has a very rich history. Secondly you were quoted as saying that the AC-130U is the only aircraft in the Air Force that has a 105mm howitzer on it. The AC-130H is equipped with a 105mm and I am pretty sure it has had it installed before the U model was even a glimmer in someone's eye. If you want to see a real gunship go to Cannon (oh wait a place the U model can't go) and do a full spread on the AC-130H.

Respectfully-

Spectres of the Past, Present, and Future.

Joshua Cota

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